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- 1. The present report of preliminary international exam, was established by administration charged to made preliminary international exam, is transmited for applicant according to article 36
- 2. This report contains 5 sheets, with this one.

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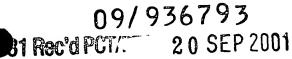
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1. Concerning element of the international report (the sheet of replacement were given to the receiving office in the response for an invitation made according to the article 14 are considered in the present rapport as "initially submitted" and they are not joint to the annex of the report because they do not contain a modification (rule 70.16 and 70.17)):

Description, pages

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Claims, NR

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V. Declaration documented concerning the novelty, the innovative activity and the possibility of the industrial application

1. Declaration

Novelty Yes: Claims 1-6

Innovation Yes: Claims 1-6

Possibility of an application in industry

Yes: Claims 1-6

2. References and explanation

see separate page

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Concerning the point V.

Declaration documented according to the Article 35 (2) concerning the novelty, the innovation and the possibility of an application in industry

The reference was made to the following documents:

D1: Kotake Y. et al., J Biochem. 1975, 77, 685-687, mentioned in the application on page 1, line 7

D2: Kobayashi K et al., Chem. Pharm. Bull. 1980,28, 2960-2966, cited in the application on page 1, line 8

- 1. The document **D1** shows (the reference in parenthesis concerning this document) a compound (**the complex** xanthurenic acid -insulin (title)), which is produced by a reaction of xanthurenic acid with insulin (insulin is a human protein) in a solution of buffer or serum (page 685, column 1, line 20- column 2, line 2. The document **D1** shows also that this compounds has a immunological property (summary).
- 2. The document **D2** describes (the references between parenthesis concern these documents) a compound which is produced by the reaction of xanthurenic acid with BSA (page 2962, line 37-38). The document **D2** shows that serum bovine albumine (BSA, which is a protein of mammals) is bound to xanthurenic acid (page 2965, line 39) by electrostatic (page 2965, line 6) or hydrophobic (page 2965, line 7) interaction.
- 3. The objective of the claim 1 is **different** from these known combinations by this that the bond between xanthurenic acid and the protein is covalent.
- 4. The objective of the claim 1 is then **new** (Article 33(2)PCT).
- 5. The **purpose** which this invention proposes to solve can be then consider to be to found the alternative combinations having immunological properties.

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6. The solution of this problem proposed in the claim 1 of this application is considered to have an inventive activity (Article 33(3) PCT), for the following reason:

Xanthurenic acid is linked covalently to a protein is a combination which could not be deducted from the documents attainable from the precedent art (which described only a complex (see § 1 above) or an interaction electrostatic or hydrophobic interaction (see § 2 above))

 The claims 2-6 depend on the claim 1 and then satisfied also, as such, the conditions required by the PCT concerning the novelty and innovative activity.

8. Industrial application (Article 33 (4) PCT):

The objective of the claims 1 to 6 targets an application of an induction of immune response against the pathology causes by the modification of the cellular physiology due to xanthurenic acid (page 1, line 3-5 and 6, line 10-16).

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